

**Report of field visit and meeting**

- **Place of field visit**
  - Delo Mena district, Coffee producing areas.
  - Madda Walabu University, School of Agriculture
- **Venue of meeting**
  - Delo Mena Agro-Pastoralist Development Office hall.
- **Purpose of meeting**
  - To introduce the aim of SATTIFS project
  - To know the overall background information of coffee producing areas of the district.
  - To discuss on the major challenges of coffee quality improvements, with concerned body
  - To visit and identify the project intervention areas.
- **Participants**

No.	Name of participants	Organization	Position	Remark
1	Fr. Angelo Antolini	Apostolic Prefecture of Robe	Bishop	
2	Prof. Luciano Cinquanta	SATTIFS	Director	
3	Doth Reaw Mehoni	SATTIFS	Technical Director	
4	Giorgio Conconi	RCS	Consultant	
5	Habtamu Gizaw	RCS	Development Director	
6	Ashenafi Mitiku	Meda Walabu University	School of Agricultural Director	
7	Ahmad Tilahun	Delo Mena Agro-Pastoralist Dev't Office	Coffee quality technical expert	
8	Abdurezak Mamo	Delo Mena Agro-Pastoralist Dev't Office	Coffee quality technical expert	
9	Abdulahi Adam	Delo Mena Cooperative Promotion Office	Vice head	
10	Muhamad Aman	Delo Mena Cooperative Promotion Office	Cooperatives Organizing expert	
11	Tahir M/Saliya	Manyate coffee cooperative	Chair person	
12	Ibrahim Jemal	Habubi Coffee Cooperative	Chair person	
13	Safiya H/Mamu	Kankicho Coffee Cooperative	Member	
14	Agoura Diantom	UNIMOL	ACP Coordinator	
15	Kufa Wako	RCS	Area Project Officer	

- **Activities**

## Day 1 03/10/2015

- The Organized team from RCS, Mada Walabu University and SATTIFS are visited the farm of organic coffee producing areas in Harena forest of Manyate site. Also, the team was visited the experience of individual farmer on coffee drying and management system.
- The meeting with different concerned body was held at Delo Mena Agro-Pastoralist Development Office hall, first by introducing each other.
- Ato *Habtamu and Ashenafi* aware the participants about the purpose or the objectives of the meeting.
- Prof. *Luciano Cinquanta* explained the overall goal of the project, activities of the project and also shared his experience to the participants, on coffee quality improvements and harvesting system.
- Also, Prof. *Luciano Cinquanta* asked the participants to raise the major problems or challenges on improving coffee quality and how the farmers increase the production and productivity of coffee.
- **Opinion of the Participants**
  - **Major Challenges raised by the participants, on coffee quality improvements;**
    - Poor quality of production (not competitive in the world market)
    - Improper management system (eg. Pruning of old coffee, managing of seedling)
    - Farmers used shattering methods of harvesting system( mixed red berry with black)
    - Harvest black or green coffee
    - Dry the harvested coffee berry directly on the soil. (contamination with soil)
    - Stored the production in un recommended storage bags for coffee (no aeration)
    - No store house for coffee, they stored coffee with other cereal crops in their house.
    - Lack of market linkage
    - No wet coffee processing machine in the area.
    - Shortage of materials to introduce new technologies (No demonstration site for coffee)

- Lack of awareness creation on coffee harvesting, drying and management activities. (no equal understanding between farmers)
- Lack of technical support for farmers
- Technical skill gap of coffee experts
- Problem of Coffee disease like; CBD and fungal disease.
- **Recommendations**
  - Prof. *Luciano Cinquanta* recommended the cooperatives members and experts for the above challenges, to properly manage the organic coffee, to use the right time of harvesting coffee and to use in a safe place for storage of production.
  - Fr. Angelo also gave the recommendation for the participants, on the sustainable coffee quality production, the best way is using of modern technology to dry coffee berry on wire mesh bed and to avoid dependency on the support of materials from different NGO's which cannot bring a sustainable coffee quality production.
  - To overcome the challenges the only option is that; making a research assessments on the coffee producers by Madda Walabu University in collaboration with ECC SDCOR.

## *Day 2 05/10/2015*

- **Activities**
  - The team was Visited Meda Walabu University, School of Agriculture and other departments, discussed on the aim of the project
  - Visited the laboratory of Plant science, laboratory of chemistry, laboratory of Biology and laboratory of engineering.
  - Also, the demonstration site of plant science was visited.
- **Major Challenges of the University**
  - Lack of skilled man power
  - Lack of training for teachers or students
- **Recommendations**
  - Prof. *Luciano Cinquanta* recommended each of the visited departments, to prepare the proposal on the need of training of trainers (ToT).